

Subject:

**I Oppose H.B. 6355:** AN ACT CONCERNING A RISK PROTECTION ORDERS OR WARRANTS

**I Support H.B. 6491** AN ACT CONCERNING NONLETHAL ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS

Dear Senator Winfield, Senator Kasser, Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose H.B. 6355. This bill completely shreds the very concept of due process guaranteed by the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It eliminates an independent investigation, shifts the burden of proof on the accused, and makes it far more difficult for the accused to recover their lawfully owned property.

Connecticut has had an ERPO process for years, and now for some reason despite any supporting evidence, this bill seeks to dramatically reduce the application of due process. It is clear that this bill's goal is to expand the existing ERPO process beyond reasonable measures to intervene when someone truly presents a threat, and instead allow the malicious targeting of lawful gun owners. This is evidenced by the glaring absence of any repercussion for the complainant in filing a false or misleading warrant.

I hope that you will also support **H.B. 6491** AN ACT CONCERNING NONLETHAL ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS to allow Connecticut residents more options in self-defense as guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment and upheld in the recent Caetano v. Massachusetts.

Stop trying to take away the rights of law abiding, tax paying, voting citizens.

Best regards,

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